

## **MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2008 BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Held at the Caltech "Y" on November 20, 2008

### **ATTENDEES**

Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Lady Catharine Hawkwod, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Baroness Gabrielle Nicole Devereaux nicChlurain, Lady Daphina Delacroix, Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, THL Cormac Mór, Lady AnneCathryn of Wicken Bonhunt, Duchess Chamayn of Castile, THL Katerina Magdalena Stoianovna, Lord Elric Shadewe, THL Balthazar von der Brugge, Lady Alisoun de Clairvaux, Lord Tobias Meerschlange, Baron Robert John of Cedarwood, Lord Peter Cadarn, THL Rosamund Ryghtwys, Lady Catherine de Winter, Lord Owain Gwyllym ap Pengryth, Lady Sariah of House Yggdrasil, demoiselle Cassandra, Lady Euphilia Ramsbottom, and Sarah (newcomer) (25)

### **ABSENT**

Baron Robert John of Cedarwood (Constable) and Lord Æoelwigg Æolfwiggsson (Captain of Archers); reports were sent via email.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

At the Seneschal's request, the Seraph Pursuivant Baron Jared called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

### **OPENING BUSINESS**

The Baronage: Baron John welcomed everyone to the last council meeting of the year. He and Her Excellency attended Coronation and Queen's Champion Tourney, and then Calafia Anniversary at which Baron David and Baroness Adelicia stepped down. It was a fun day and Lord Wolferam won the Baronial Rapier Championship. Baroness Flavia noted that we're coming up on the holidays so she will be holding craft days. This coming weekend we will be doing dyeing and weaving, as well as making raffle baskets at Chez Griffin in a concerted effort to part with a lot of baskets. Please bring anything that might be used in a basket. There's no December council meeting. She wished everyone well and reminded everyone to be nice. Their Excellencies will see everyone at Yule.

We have one newcomer Sarah and a visitor from Heatherwyne, Lady Euphilia Ramsbottom, who hasn't been to an Angels meeting for a long time.

Seneschal (Lady Catharine): We have two people taking minutes, which the Chroniclers then summarize and post for approval on the Angels Baronial Yahooogroup. It's important to review the minutes for accuracy so we can count on the records in the future. Please send any corrections to THL Tomaso. THL Cormac moved and Lady Catherine Hawkwod seconded the October 2008 minutes, which were approved unanimously.

Fourth quarter and Doomsday reports are due to Lady Catharine by December 3<sup>rd</sup> and all officers must submit a report. There are several ways to do your reports and some specific information needed which is noted on the AngelsOfficers Yahoo list. A report format is located in the Files section for those who need it. If you held your position for only part of the year, you are only responsible for sending in the report for that part of the year.

Please don't say "nothing to report" for the year; Lady Catharine knows that everyone has done a fantastic job this year. Failure to report is grounds for removal from office. Please see Lady Catharine after council or email her ASAP if you have any questions or problems. She is stepping down at Yule and has promised that the Doomsday report will be up to that date when she hands over the key.

The matter of paid subscriptions for *The Seraph* has been resolved, and Lady Catharine thanked everyone for their responses.

She referred to Master Tofi's last column as Kingdom Seneschal in which he noted that the SCA does not live in a vacuum. Modern law is the law of the land. If you need assistance at an event, immediately contact the constable, autocrat, or seneschal. If a crime has been committed, it needs to be reported immediately to the modern authorities and a police report filed.

Regarding the Baronial trailer, registration issues have been resolved. Baroness Gabrielle has received the new registration. Lady Catharine has sent her Kingdom superior a report on how to register a trailer for an SCA group and she will also put a copy of the report in the Files section of the AngelsOfficers Yahoo Group. A laminated copy of the registration and of the known applicable kingdom laws will be posted in the trailer.

With the January issue of *The Crown Prints*, entries in the Kingdom Regnum have been greatly abbreviated. Like everyone else, the newsletter is affected by the current financial situation so the Baronage and Seneschal are the only listings. Practices and meetings will still be listed as well, but now just with addresses, URL's, contact info rather than full details. Given the problems with the kingdom forwarding addresses, with each person's permission, direct email addresses be used.

This is the last council Lady Catharine will be chairing; she steps down at Yule on December 13th. She thanked everyone for their support and friendship and the fun and the laughter. Angels totally ROCKS! It's been an honor to serve as seneschal.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

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**Arts and Sciences** (THL Rosamund Ryghtwys) Thank you for the card and decorations in the hospital. Everything is going even better than the doctors expected. Baroness Morgaine has been deputized to assist with A&S. There's not much going on recently other than a small amount of activity at PitP. We're looking forward to after Melee next year to get things going. Lady Catharine Hawkwod is coordinating a "Team Angels" for Pentathlon, and an arts table for Estrella.

**Castellan** (Lord Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth) Lord Owain has spoken with several newcomers. We've had three newcomers, one of whom has come back and attended more events. Lord Owain will be at Medieval Marketplace and, Yule. We need to explore options for contacting interested individuals who can become members of the organization and the Barony. We need to balance Campus members with more established folks.

**Chirurgion** (Baroness Justina Marie de Burgundy) The Kingdom Chirurgion will be visiting Angels on Saturday, January 24, 2009 to warrant Chirurgions and give CPR/BTLS classes for Red Cross credit. Class sizes are limited and are half full already. Cost for the CPR class is \$10. Please contact Baroness Justina to get on the list. Lord Faelán asked about challenges to the test and Baroness Justina advised him to contact Kingdom Chirurgion THL Blase di Angelo directly.

**Chronicler** (Jean-Christophe Messier & Duchess Natalya de Foix) The co-Chroniclers are thrilled to announce that we have 65 subscribers on the AngelsSeraph Yahoogroup, plus three hard-copy subscribers. Complimentary copies are sent to Her Majesty (digital) and Baron Aldred von Lechsend aus Froschheim (digital and hard copy). They look forward to adding even more subscribers in 2009.

They really do want to hear from people so please don't be shy – send articles, poetry, recipes and art and please remember to get your signed forms to Baroness Gabrielle that grant permission to print your pictures and your personal emails as needed. (They look forward to getting those forms from Lord Wolferam and Lord Tobias as soon as possible, please.)

Finally, they would like to give special thanks to Baron Jared and THL Tomaso, the excellent minutes-takers; Lady Dalphina for her help and patience; all the photographers who have been so generous; Baroness Gabrielle for handling the forms and distribution of hard copies; the Baron and Baroness for their help and support; and especially Seneschal Lady Catharine Hawkwod for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Chronicler's Office. They very much look forward to her Roving Reporter chronicles (with Miss Belle's assistance, of course!)

**Constable** (Baron Robert John of Cedarwood) Baron Robert is working this evening and can't get anyone to cover for him. There have been no events, so he has nothing to report. Since Yule is coming, please remember to tag, brand, or put your device on all your items so we can get your lost items back to you ASAP.

Baron Robert will be at Yule and hopes to be at the demo on November 22nd. He has put in for January 17<sup>th</sup> (Angels Melee) off from work.

**Exchequer** (Lady Dalphina Delacroix)

For the Month of October 2008: Contact the Exchequer for information.

**Herald** (Baron Jared Alexandre Blaydeaux) There were no events this month, and no submissions because the office is moving. Mistress Su of the Silver Horn is stepping up as Crescent Herald at Coronation and we look forward to the things she has planned.

**Largesse Report** (Lady Catharine Hawkwod) At Yule, Lord Amalgaid will be stepping up as the baronial Largesse officer.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the phenomenal presentations given at Coronation and at Dreiburgen and Calafia Anniversaries and Investitures. Angels is gaining a reputation for presenting handmade, unique, and awesome items as well as specialty items from our merchants. Angels rocks!

**Lysts** (Lady Vivienne de Lampérière) There have been no events within our Barony this month, so there are no list reports. Lady AnneCathryn will soon be ready to be warranted. She only needs to do one more event on her own in order to do so. I am, therefore, planning on letting her be the primary list minister at Angels Melee. I am requesting, therefore, that any communications regarding the Lists at that event be sent to me and cc'd to her. Thank you.

**Marshallate** (THL Tomaso da Barbiano) Tuesday practice is becoming more of a melee practice than a tourney fighting practice. We have groups coming out a couple times a month. THL Tomaso will try to give advance notice when we're planning to have groups of fighters coming out. Sunday practice overlapped with brigade practice earlier this month. It worked well and gave us more options for practice, though the regular brigade members need to work on their stamina so we can fight longer. We will try to overlap the two practices every month for a fun practice. At Calafia anniversary Lord Wolferam won the rapier championship! It was mentioned earlier, but it bears repeating. Start looking forward to Estrella War. Don't try to get fit and practiced at the last minute – it doesn't work.

**Archers** (Lord Æoelwigg Æoelfwiggsson) There will be archery practice all Sundays this month, save during QC. Lord Æoelwigg and Lady Antoinette be helping host QC Archery on the 23rd

**Captain of Rapier** (Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill) We have been getting 4-5 people at practice.

**Children** – The office is vacant; Lady Zoë Rosalie de Rebelh may be interested in the job.

**Webwright** (Lord Elric Shadewe): There have been lots of problems with the Kingdom web servers lately. Plan your route to events beforehand and don't depend on Kingdom server to be up right now. The data had been backed up before hand, so nothing has been lost during the move. We will probably get space to host the Seraph on the kingdom server. We need a photo of each officer (in garb) for the web site, and will be going around getting them when possible.

**College of the Voyagers** (THL Fáelán) It's been very quiet; nothing to report.

**Canton of the Canyons** (THL Tobias Meerschlang) Nothing to report.

**Varangian Guard (Lord Peter Cadarn)**: Angels had a good, if small presence at GWW. He has met some people interested in joining the guard. We need to discuss loaner armor. The one set in the storage unit had strapping contaminated by what appears to be pesticides, which left blisters and welts on Lord Owain's arm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Per Lady Catharine, storage unit question will be tabled until the January 2009 meeting.

Baroness Gabrielle proposed a time change for council meetings and would like people to think about starting earlier because of length of the open meeting and financial meeting. The time change is proposed to begin with the January meeting. The discussion will be moved to the Baronial Yahoo group.

**Estrella XXV** (THL Cormac) Please send land allocation data for the Angels encampment to him at <[scacormac@gmail.com](mailto:scacormac@gmail.com)> as soon as possible. He needs the total footprint of each pavilion with and without ropes. He also need to know where the door is – as soon as humanly possible – exact measurements are best. Baron John asked if land allocation is tied to Registration but THL Cormac did not know. People were asked to Land Allocate with Angels.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Tourney** (October 25, 2009 tentative) Duchess Chamayn presented a proposal from the Ladies of the Rose for a tourney to raise money for breast cancer research. The proposed date is October 25, 2009, which is two weeks after GWW. Angels has events on Sep 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, so we shouldn't be too burned out in late October. They are looking for Angels to provide a site and some assistance, but the Ladies of the Rose would be running the event. The barony voted to support the event, and showed great enthusiasm for the idea.

Ideas for fund-raising ideas are welcome. We're hesitant to attach this to any other event. Duchess Chamayn wants to have it open to as many combat forms as possible. The Ladies of the Rose want to be do more to give back to the Kingdom. There was discussion of doing it on the lawns at City of Hope, combining a fundraising tourney for Breast Cancer research with a demo for City of Hope patients at the pre-eminent cancer research facility in the area.

THL Cormac moved that we explore sites and a proposal and that the Barony expresses an interest in this. Lady Sariah seconded but Lady Catharine felt the wording was too vague so THL Cormac proposed the Barony accepts the project as a Barony and Baroness Gabrielle seconded.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

**Fundraising Demo at Steve Allen Theater** (November 22, 2008) We are on track for the event. Lord Owain and Lady Daphina will coordinate to make up some business card-sized cards to hand out. Set up starts as early as 5:00 p.m. and fighting starts at 8:00 p.m. We also need some non-fighters to help out. We have been working with Kingdom and multiple baronies. We need LOTS of fighters to drive the income up.

The event has been publicized across Kingdom, primarily to raise money for the Kingdom Marshallate and local areas. It was not so much an information/educational demo as strictly fighting demo. Additional people in garb were welcome to handle other duties (water bearing, public contact)

**Angels Yule 2008** (December 13, 2008) Everything is coming along ok. Help with setup and tear-down will be appreciated. The current plan is to bring our own tables in order to avoid being charged as much as we were last year. To that end, commitments are needed for bringing tables. We did a quick polling of those in attendance and got offers for at least 18 tables. Tomaso and Catharine will bring two trashcans, so we don't need those delivered and picked up either.

THL Katerina has been checking with various people about things they've offered to do. She would like any and all help with setup and tear-down. The Barony had originally talked about bringing our own tables because CalTech charges \$46.50 an hour person to set up the tables. Lady Daphina said that she preferred to not follow the past practice of having the Exchequer man the gate table for the entire evening, and is looking for volunteers to help out. The schedule can be very flexible so we can all have a chance to play.

We need volunteers for Yule. No one has requested to volunteer. Please contact the autocrats directly if you wish to help out. The barony is providing main dishes. Please bring a side dish to feed 8 to 10 people.

The site fee for those wishing to come later just for the dancing is the same as for the entire event.

Baroness Justina reminded everyone that Toys for Tots will be collecting toys again this year. Please avoid ones that need batteries. Teen toys are especially needed.

Countess Ealasaid nicChlurain will be our dance mistress. It was moved and seconded to comp Countess Ealasaid and her husband Lord Hazumi for the feast because they're coming from Las Vegas; the motion passed without dissent. Lady Daphina asked for help with Gate personnel and Lord Balthazar offered.

**Angels Melee 2009** (January 17, 2009) Preparations are coming along nicely. Baron John asked if we have the kitchen; it does not appear so. There will be an Angels "Yard Sale" at the event.

THL Tomaso will send the CP announcement on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Lord Elric will be the co-autocrat and Baroness Morgaine will be the merchant coordinator. There will be standard 10-man teams plus a two-man team bear pit for those who cannot get enough fighting; there will be combat archery, as well. Merchants will be charged a normal site fee rather than larger fee.

It will be made clear to merchants that if we're charged extra because they're late, they pay for it. THL Cormac moved and Lord Amalgaid seconded to approve the budget for Melee.

**Robin Hood Tourney** (March 1, 2009): Lord Balthazar van der Brugge is the autocrat. Lord Wolferam will be running rapier at the event. Budget to be discussed. THL Rosamund will handle the A&S competition. Lord Balthazar is composing an ad for the CP, and has asked Lord Elric to prepare space on the Baronial website for the

announcement. A budget has been turned in to Lady Dalphina. Lord Wolferam has agreed to run rapier fighting at the event. Rather than the traditional foray to the Robin Hood Pub afterward, attendees will have the option of attending a gathering at Dame Selene's house after the event. This will be a private event rather than an extension of the SCA event. Lord Elric agreed to create a web page for the event.

Coronet Repairs: Baron John has announced he hasn't done anything yet about the repairs.

Collegium T-Shirts: Per Lady Catharine, everyone who needed a new one has it. Ulf is going to be replacing the others that have gone bad. As far as we know, everyone who needs a replacement shirt has turned theirs in. The remaining stock of shirts has been washed and those needing replacement will be included in the shipment back to the maker. They will be replaced by the end of the year.

**The Varangian Guard:** Per Lord Peter, we are getting toward a threshold but we need some more people to reach "Critical Mass" to attract others. THL Cormac moved and Baron Jared seconded the motion for a Baronial expenditure of \$75 or \$100 to replace "contaminated" loaner armor. Lord Elric abstained on \$75 for repairs; THL Cormac proposed and Lady AnneCathryn seconded \$100 for new set. Baroness Gabrielle offered further discussion of what new pieces may be needed and what they may cost. Lord Owain suggested that he might have trouble taking advantage of sales.

We have a solid core and are looking for more. The Angels baronial loaner armor is in bad shape. At GWW we discovered that the leather portions are contaminated with some sort of toxin that reacts badly with skin. We are requesting money to repair or replace parts of the armor. Specifically, I request \$75 to repair what we have (repairs can be done over the holidays). An additional \$225 is requested to purchase parts needed to make up one complete suit. With the current economic situation, many armorers are selling gear at reduced prices.

The \$75 to repair existing armor was approved. After some discussion, we decided that if Owain could find suitable armor, he could submit a proposal to an advisory committee who could then approve spending up to \$225. The advisory committee is to consist of the Baronage, the baronial marshal, the exchequer, the seneschal, the leader of the Varangians, Lord Peter Cadarn, and Duchess Chamayn. The committee decision shall be a simple majority vote with members being given up to three days to respond.

Baroness Gabrielle moved that council approve that if Lord Owain finds armor that suits the needs of the Barony, he should contact the officers for approval. Lady Catharine would rather have financial committee address it. THL Cormac noted we could name the advisory council. Baroness Gabrielle moved that the Baronial Advisory Council should consist of the Baron, Baroness, Marshal, Exchequer, Seneschal, leader of Varangian guard; Lady AnneCathryn nominated Lord Peter and Duchess Chamayn and THL Cormac seconded. There was no opposition with two abstentions. Lord Elric moved to require response within 24 hours once Lord Owain finds armor opportunity but Lady Catharine thought that wasn't enough time. Lord Owain compromised on three days. There was no opposition and two abstentions.

Per Lady Dalphina, the Barony has a new lightweight cashbox. She is going to have the Baronial arms painted on the top. She has an electronic version of minutes from the previous Financial Committee meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Baroness Flavia requested recommendations for awards for Yule.

Per Lady AnneCathryn, THL Cormac has been working on a standard design for the Barony which was shown at the meeting.

Lady Catharine announced the injuries of the two people injured in the Montecito Tea fire. Baron John offered to do something to raise money for their expenses. There was much discussion about regulatory issues involved. Baron Ivarr and Baroness Elyn of Dreiburgen have asked that income from raffles etc go to the Lance and Carla Fund. A deal is being done privately with Pine Box Traders for the fund. If you can donate, please do. Remember that it has to be done as private individuals. Rules for handling the money were discussed.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Baroness Flavia reminded that times are tough but many are worse off, and to remember others during the holiday season. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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